(b) and (c) Standard building for Remote Line unit type of exchange is proposed to be constructed at Chengannur. The detailed drawings and detailed estimates for this building are likely to be finalised by October, 1990.

Pension to widows of Punjab terrorist victims

1847. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of widows of victims of terrorism in Punjab who are being given pensions as on 1st January, 1990 and at what state;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase this rate; and

(c) the number of applications of eligible widows for pension that were pending as on 1st January, 1990 alongwith the district-wise details of the names of the deceased; the date on which the deceased was killed, the reasons for which pension had not been sanctioned, and also by what time pension is likely to be sanctioned in each case?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Govt. of Punjab have announced an increase in the rate of pension to be paid to the widows whose husbands were killed by terrorists. The number of widow who were being given pension as on 1st January, 1990 the number of applications of eligible widows which were pending on that date and other details mentioned in parts (a) and (c) of the question are awaited from the Govt. of Punjab.

Financial assistance to dependents of Punjab terrorist victims

1848. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance admissible to the next of kin/dependents of victims of terrorism in Punjab in case victims is (a) policeman, (b) Home guards, (c) SPO, (d) Central Government employees, (e) Punjab Government employee, (f) an ordinary citizen but an earning hand, (g) a child or non-earning hand and (h) a member of a village defence committee; and

(b) whether it is a fact that financial assistance is admissible to the other or next of kin if a policeman is killed by terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) As reported by the Govt. of Punjab, Special ex-gratia grant to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh is allowed in case of bereaved families of Punjab Police personnel and member of para-military forces like CRPF, BSF, RPF etc. who were/are killed at the hands of extremists and Rs. 1.10 lakhs is paid to the families of Gazetted Officers killed in terrorist action. The amount of ex-gratia grant admissible to the families of Punjab Police personnel is also taken into account while allowing the amount of Special ex-gratia grant in the cases. Besides this, 'special family pension' equivalent to last pay drawn by the deceased Punjab Police personnel concerned immediately before his death is also allowed to bereaved family upto national date of superannuation and thereafter half of the last pay till another 7 years, and afterwards at the normal rates as per relevant instructions of the State Govt. A family gratuity equivalent to six months pay with minimum of Rs. 6,000/- and maximum of Rs. 12,000/ is also paid.

The Government of Punjab have further informed that an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 50,000/- is made to the next of kins of those killed due to terrorist violence. Besides, widows of civilians killed by terrorists, who have no house or able bodied members to support to them are entitled for allotment of a LIG house free of cost or plots of land measuring 200 sq. yards. Bank loans upto Rs. 20,000/- alongwith subsidy ranging from 25 to 50% without security or margin money. Pension at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month for a period of three years, ex-gratia payment/grant of Rs. 5000/- on the occasion of marriage of daughter, free education of children in State Govt. or aided institutions and grant of employment on priority basis are given.

Information regarding assistance admissible to the next of kin/dependents of Central Govt. employee, Punjab Govt. employee, child or non-earning hand and a member of a village defence committee is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir provided such a person is the sole surviving member of the deceased's family eligible to receive the compensation.

Accommodation to widows of Punjab terrorist victims

1849. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eligible widows of victims of terrorism in Punjab who have been given free houses, district-wise so far; and

(b) the number of eligible widows of victims of terrorism in Punjab who have not yet been given free houses, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected from the Government of Punjab.

Jobs to dependents of terrorist victims

1850. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for jobs on priority basis by dependents of victims of terrorism in Punjab and pending with the State Government/District authorities/Departments as on 1st January, 1990;

(b) (i) the names of the deceased (ii) the date on which he was killed (iii) the names of the applicants (iv) the type of job to which the applicants is entitled (v) the reason for delay in giving the job; and

(c) by when a job is expected to be given?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loan advance to NRIs

1851. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an NRI, Mr. Kamal Dandona, had been given about £ 25000 by the RAW on instructions from the then Minister and was also given two loans amounting to several lakhs of Dollars by the State Bank of India.